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KEENE MAN INDICTED ON FEDERAL FIREARMS CHARGES

CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE--United States Attorney for the District of New Hampshire Thomas P. Colantuono, Cheshire County Attorney William M. Albrecht IV, Keene Police Chief Arthur J. Walker and Special Agent in Charge of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives Glenn Anderson announced today that Robert E. Rogers II, age, 26, of Keene, New Hampshire, has been indicted by a federal grand jury for being a Felon in Possession of a Firearm, and Possession of an Unregistered Sawed Off Shotgun.

Mr. Rogers appeared today for arraignment in United States District Court in Concord, New Hampshire. He was ordered detained pending trial by Judge Magistrate James R. Muirhead. The trial is scheduled to begin on April 4, 2006, before Chief Judge Steven McAuliffe. If convicted, the defendant faces a maximum sentence of ten years on each count and a \$250,000.00 fine.

The case was investigated by Keene Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives with the assistance of the Cheshire County Attorney's Office.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Clyde Garrigan, who is the Coordinator for Project Safe Neighborhoods. Project Safe Neighborhoods is a federal program to reduce gun violence in New Hampshire by aggressive investigation and prosecution of firearm offenders, education of the public and training of law enforcement officers about federal firearm laws.

An indictment merely alleges that a crime has been committed and that all defendants are presumed innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.